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TITLE OF INVENTION: ELECTRIC DEVICE WITH IMPROVED COOLING AND CASING THEREFOR

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

ROBERT J. HOFFBERG

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/14/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas MacBlain, Reg. No. 24,583 on 5/2/08.
3. Amend claims 1, 12 and 25 as follows:
 - a. Claim 1, line 12, change "casing" to - casing, said inlet is at one of said front surface and said rear surface, said outlet is at the other one of said front surface and said rear surface--.
 - b. Claim 12. A casing for an electric device of the kind including an electric circuit, and at least one fan,
~~(d)~~ (a) said electric circuit being implemented on a printed circuit board where at least one heat generating component is a part of the electric circuit,
~~(e)~~ (b) the casing being substantially a cuboid in shape, including a U-shaped bottom and a U-shaped cover where an angled part of said U-shaped bottom and an angled part of said U-shaped cover form a double wall portion of the casing with an inner wall portion and an outer wall portion defining an air duct between the inner wall portion and the outer wall portion and leading from a front surface to a rear surface of said casing, said air duct having an inlet and an outlet, said inlet is at one of said front surface

and said rear surface, said outlet is at the other one of said front surface and said rear surface,

(f) (c) said casing being built such that said heat generating component is in thermal contact with the inner wall portion when the electric circuit is in place and that an air flow produced by said at least one fan is directed through said air duct, said double wall portion being a heat sink of the electric device.

- c. Claim 25. A casing for an electrical device of the kind including an electric circuit with a heat generating component and at least one fan, the casing characterized in that the casing includes a double wall portion with an inner wall portion and an outer wall portion defining an air duct between the inner wall portion and the outer wall portion and being built such that said heat generating component is in thermal contact with the inner wall portion when the electric circuit is in place and that an air flow produced by said at least one fan is directed through said air duct, said double wall portion being a heat sink of the electrical device, said casing being substantially a cuboid in shape and including a bottom and a cover fitted together in thermal contact, said inner wall portion being a part of said bottom, said outer wall portion being a part of said cover, said circuit being implemented on a printed circuit board and the printed circuit board being mounted on the bottom, said bottom including a base plate and a bottom side plate and said cover including a top plate and a cover side plate, said bottom side plate forming said inner wall

portion, said cover side plate forming said outer wall portion and said printed circuit board being mounted substantially parallel to said base plate, said cover side plate forming a lateral surface of said cubical casing, said air duct leading from a front surface to a rear surface of said cubical casing, and said air duct having an inlet, said inlet being formed by an end portion of said bottom side plate that is bent to an inner side of the casing to increase the air flow through said air duct and said at least one fan being arranged on the front surface of said cubical casing covering said inlet at least partially.
the casing receiving at least two fans, the casing including a second double wall portion with an inner wall portion and an outer wall portion defining a second air duct, said second double wall portion being a second heat sink and said at least two fans being arranged such that an air flow produced by said at least two fans is directed through said air ducts, respectively, and said casing being substantially a cuboid in shape and having two lateral surfaces, each air duct being arranged along one of said lateral surfaces respectively and leading from a front surface of the cuboid casing to a rear surface of the cuboid casing.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 1-25 are allowed.
5. The claims 1-11 are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or suggest a structure as in claim 1, comprising a casing being substantially a cuboid in shape including a U-shaped bottom and a U-shaped

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cover having an angled part of said U-shaped bottom and an angled part of said U-shaped cover forming a double wall portion of the casing including a double wall portion with an inner wall portion and an outer wall portion defining an air duct between the inner wall portion and the outer wall portion, said air duct having an inlet and an outlet and leading from a front surface to a rear surface of said casing, said inlet is at one of said front surface and said rear surface, said outlet is at the other one of said first surface and said rear surface, said heat generating component being in thermal contact with the inner wall portion, and an at least one fan being arranged such that an air flow produced by said at least one fan is directed through said air duct. The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the respective claims are believed to render said independent claims 1 and all claims dependent therefrom patentable over art of record.

6. The claims 12-23 are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or suggest a structure as in claim 12, comprising a casing being substantially a cuboid in shape including a U-shaped bottom and a U-shaped cover having an angled part of said U-shaped bottom and an angled part of said U-shaped cover forming a double wall portion of the casing including a double wall portion with an inner wall portion, said air duct having an inlet and an outlet and leading from a front surface to a rear surface of said casing, said inlet is at one of said front surface and said rear surface, said outlet is at the other one of said first surface and said rear surface, said casing being built such that said heat generating component is in thermal contact with the inner wall portion and that an air flow produced by said at least one

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fan is directed through said air duct. The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the respective claims are believed to render said independent claims 12 and all claims dependent therefrom patentable over art of record.

7. Claims 24-25 are allowable over the art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest that said air duct has an inlet, said inlet being formed by an end portion of said bottom side plate that is bent to an inner side of the casing to increase the air flow through said air duct, said at least one fan being arranged on the front surface of said substantially cuboid casing covering said inlet at least partially. The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the respective claims are believed to render said independent claims 24-25 patentable over art of record.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. None of the cited references, either taken alone or in combination is believed to render the present invention unpatentable as claimed.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Rochel et al. (US 5,946,188), Komatsu (US 6,175,494), Chang et al. (US 7,289,320) and Jory (US 7,312,992) disclose a casing having circuit board,

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the casing having being substantially a cuboid in shape and having an air duct, the air duct having an inner wall and an outer wall, the inlet is at one of said front surface and the rear surface, the outlet is at the other one of the first surface and the rear surface, but they fail to disclose that said casing includes a U-shaped bottom and a U-shaped cover having an angled part of said U-shaped bottom and an angled part of said U-shaped cover forming a double wall portion of the casing. Ahn (US 2003/0184961 and US 2003/0076652) disclose a casing having circuit board, the casing having being substantially a cuboid in shape and having an air duct, the air duct having an inner wall and an outer wall, but fails to disclose that said inlet is at one of said front surface and said rear surface, said outlet is at the other one of said first surface and said rear surface.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Hoffberg whose telephone number is (571) 272-2761. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayprakash Gandhi can be reached on (571) 272-3740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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